

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the in-person interview conducted on October 6, 2005. In that interview, the “substantially all” language was discussed as well as potential alternative claim language. In addition, claims 21, 27 and 30 and the document entitled “Initially Configuring the ATM Router” (“Cisco”) were discussed. In addition, agreement was reached as to subject matter in Applicants’ specification not taught in the Cisco reference. Claims 21-31 remain pending in the application.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 21-31 stand rejected on the basis that the recitation of “substantially all” in independent claims 21, 27 and 30 render the claims indefinite. In response, Applicants have amended claims 21, 27 and 30 so as to remove the recitation of “substantially all.” As a consequence, Applicants submit claims 21-31 are now clear and definite and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)**

Claims 21, 23-24 and 26-28 stand rejected as being anticipated by the Cisco reference. In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 21 and 27 so as to recite:

wherein the configuration record is usable to effectuate a desired change in a configuration of the network device by enabling code that is specific to the network device to be generated in response to a generic indication of the desired change.

Applicants submit that the Cisco reference neither teaches nor suggests a configuration record that is usable to generate “code that is specific to the network device [ ] in response to a generic indication of the desired change.” As a consequence,

Applicants submit that claims 21 and 27 are novel, non-obvious and in condition for allowance. In addition Applicants submit claims 23, 24, 26 and 28 are allowable by virtue of their dependence from allowable independent claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 25 stands rejected on the basis that it is rendered obvious by Cisco in view of US5,878,432 (“Misheski”). Applicants submit claim 25 is allowable, at least, by virtue of being dependent from allowable independent claim 21.

Claim 29 stands rejected on the basis that it is rendered obvious by Cisco in view of a reference entitled: “Common Information Model-A Developer’s Perspective”. Applicants submit claim 29 is allowable, at least, by virtue of being dependent from allowable independent claim 27.

Claims 22 and 30-31 stand rejected on the basis that the claims are rendered obvious by Cisco in view of US5,901,320 (“Takahashi”). Applicants submit claim 22, which is dependent from allowable claim 21 is also allowable, at least, by virtue of being dependent from allowable claim 21. In addition, claim 30 has been amended in a similar manner as claims 21 and 27, and Applicants submit that neither the Cisco nor the Takahashi references teach or suggest a configuration record that is usable to generate “code that is specific to the network device [] in response to a generic indication of the desired change.” As a consequence, Applicants submit claim 30 is new, non-obvious and in condition for allowance, and claim 31 is allowable, at least, by virtue of being dependent from allowable claim 30.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that no further impediments exist to the allowance of this application and, therefore, solicit an indication of allowability. However, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if any question or comments arise.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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